



I claim:

1. (Currently amended) ~~An all-terrain welding equipment cart which includes a front independent suspension system having a limit stop device to prevent the axle from excess travel in a downward direction in relation to the cart and which is independently supported by springs, wherein the welding cart has a gas bottle holding frame and a platform to support a welding machine.~~ An all-terrain welding equipment cart comprising a gas bottle, a welding machine and a base, which is supported by front and rear wheels, said front wheel having independent suspension system, said suspension system include suspension arms, each of the suspension arms including axles connected to end portion thereof, said suspension arms mounted to a mounting bracket, said mounting bracket having suspension arm limit stops mounted to a lower portion of the mounting bracket to prevent the axles from excess travel in a downward direction in relation to the base, said suspension arms independently supported by springs, wherein the welding cart having a gas bottle holding frame and a platform to support said welding machine.
2. (Currently amended) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the springs are suspension springs, ~~and also provided are said~~ cart also includes steering tie rods connected to the axles for steering purposes.
3. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the platform which is used to support a welding machine is rotatable.
4. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the platform which is used to support a welding machine is provided with a backstop mounted on the upper surface of the platform to prevent the welding machine from slipping off the platform.

5. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the platform which is used to support a welding machine is adjustable in position and can also be locked in place.

6. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the cart comprises skid plates on its lower surface to protect the axels from ground debris damage.

7. (Currently amended) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim comprising ~~a suspension system with~~ a towing extension of the form of a standard towing hitch which can be attached to any suitable vehicle equipped with a towing hitch.

8. (Currently amended) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim comprising ~~a suspension system with~~ a steering extension handle so that the cart is capable of being manually pulled by a handle.

9. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the cart is of sufficient height to clear obstacles such as rocks that would stop normal welding equipment carts being used in a particular application.

10. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the cart is capable of hauling heavy welders and large or small bottles while still providing a storage area and several hooks for tools and equipment to be stored.

11. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein an interchangeable one-handed hauling handle is provided which is easily replaced with a towing hitch allowing the cart to be towed over a variety of terrains.

12. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein a rotatable welder table is provided allowing welding personnel to turn a tube under the welding table holding the welding unit to a desired position after which it is locked into position.

13. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein an independent flux container holder is attached to the welding gas bottle holding frame.

14. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein an independent spray container holder is attached to the welding gas bottle holding frame, the spray being used to extinguish fires.

15. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the gas bottle holding frame is in the form of a cage-like frame in which a gas bottle is held, the frame having a removable retaining strip along its uppermost rim acting like a gate when opened allowing entry/exit of a cylinder bottle and to which "E" type brackets are affixed for hanging equipment.

16. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein a locking device is attached to the steering system under the platform holding the welding unit which when loosened permits the table to rotate to a desired angle providing for ease of operation.

17. (Original) An all terrain welding equipment cart as claimed in any preceding claim wherein large pneumatic tires mounted onto oversized wheels are connected to axles and suspension arms the lower portion of which are protected by skid plates on both front and rear providing protection from ground obstacles.

18. (Cancelled)